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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION TO COMPLY WITH AMINO ACID SEQUENCE REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This paper responds to the Notification to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures issued January 11, 2006.

Applicants note that all amino acid sequences in the instant specification, abstract, and claims, are amino acid sequences containing at least one D-amino acid. According to 37 C.F.R. §1.821(a)(2), sequence listing requirements do not encompass amino acid sequences containing D-amino acids. Therefore, Applicants request withdrawal of the Notification to Comply.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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